

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Thursday, July 25, 2002, Part II

SENATE

The Senate proceedings were included, in their entirety, in the Congressional Record Summary of Thursday, July 25, 2002, Part I.

HOUSE

Bills Introduced:

H.R. 5211. A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to limit the liability of copyright owners for protecting their works on peer-to-peer networks; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Berman

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H.R. 5215. *A bill to protect the confidentiality of information acquired from the public for statistical purposes, and to permit the exchange of business data among designated statistical agencies for statistical purposes only; to the Committee on Government Reform.*

Horn

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H.R. 5216. A bill to establish a national rail passenger transportation system, reauthorize Amtrak, *improve security and service on Amtrak*, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Carson

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H.R. 5221. *A bill to protect employees and retirees from corporate practices that deprive them of their earnings and retirement savings when a business files for bankruptcy under title 11, United States Code; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

Delahunt

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H.J. Res. 108. A joint resolution *proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States* to guarantee the right to use and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the national motto; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pickering

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Report Filed:

Report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 502, providing for consideration of H.R. 5005, to establish the Department of Homeland Security (House Report 107-615).

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Text Of The Conference Report On H.R. 333, Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention And Consumer Protection Act Of 2002.

See Page H 5747: SEC. 1223. BANKRUPTCY JUDGESHIPS.

(a) Short Title.--This section may be cited as the "Bankruptcy Judgeship Act of 2002."

(b) Temporary Judgeships.--

(1) Appointments.--The following bankruptcy judges shall be appointed in the manner prescribed in section 152(a)(1) of title 28, United States Code, for the appointment of bankruptcy judges provided for in section 152(a)(2) of such title:

(A) One additional bankruptcy judge for the eastern district of California.

(B) Three additional bankruptcy judges for the central district of California.

(C) Four additional bankruptcy judges for the district of Delaware.

(D) Two additional bankruptcy judges for the southern district of Florida.

(E) One additional bankruptcy judge for the southern district of Georgia.

(F) Three additional bankruptcy judges for the district of Maryland.

(G) One additional bankruptcy judge for the eastern district of Michigan.

(H) One additional bankruptcy judge for the southern district of Mississippi.

(I) One additional bankruptcy judge for the district of New Jersey.

(J) One additional bankruptcy judge for the eastern district of New York.

(K) One additional bankruptcy judge for the northern district of New York.

(L) One additional bankruptcy judge for the southern district of New York.

(M) One additional bankruptcy judge for the eastern district of North Carolina.

(N) One additional bankruptcy judge for the eastern district of Pennsylvania.

(O) One additional bankruptcy judge for the middle district of Pennsylvania.

(P) One additional bankruptcy judge for the district of Puerto Rico.

(Q) One additional bankruptcy judge for the western district of Tennessee.

(R) One additional bankruptcy judge for the eastern district of Virginia.

(S) One additional bankruptcy judge for the district of South Carolina.

(T) One additional bankruptcy judge for the district of Nevada.

(2) Vacancies.--

(A) Districts with single appointments.--Except as provided in subparagraphs (B), (C), (D), and (E), the first vacancy occurring in the office of bankruptcy judge in each of the judicial districts set forth in paragraph (1)--

(i) occurring 5 years or more after the appointment date of the bankruptcy judge appointed under paragraph (1) to such office; and

(ii) resulting from the death, retirement, resignation, or removal of a bankruptcy judge; shall not be filled.
[text excluded]

(d) Technical Amendments.--Section 152(a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended--

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking the first sentence and inserting the following: "Each bankruptcy judge to be appointed for a judicial district, as provided in paragraph

(2), shall be appointed by the court of appeals of the United States for the circuit in which such district is located."

H.R. 5005. Homeland Security Act:

The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 5005, to establish the Department of Homeland Security.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Select Committee on Homeland Security now printed in the bill (H. Rept. 107-609, Part 1) was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment.

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Agreed To:

Cox Amendment No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 107-615 that clarifies that the Department of Homeland Security is responsible for cybersecurity and protection of its infrastructure;

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Woolsey Amendment No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 107-615 that establishes a Homeland Security Institute as a research and development center;

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Ose Amendment No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 107-615 that requires a plan within one year to consolidate and co-locate regional and field offices in each of the cities with existing offices transferred to the Department of Homeland Security;

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Hastings of Florida Amendment No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 107-615 that directs the Secretary to comply with laws protecting equal employment opportunity and providing whistleblower protections;

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Kingston Amendment No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 107-615 that ensures that if the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center is transferred to the Department of Justice, the Department of Justice will not alter the operations of the center;

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Rush Amendment No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 107-615 that establishes an office for state and local government coordination; and

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Shays Amendment No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 107-615 that requires biennial reports to Congress on the status of homeland security preparedness, including an assessment for each state, and a report within one year of enactment that assesses the progress of the Department in implementing the Act to ensure that core functions of each entity transferred to the Department are maintained and strengthened and recommending any conforming changes in law necessary to the further implementation of the Act.

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Amendments Offered and Further Proceedings Postponed Until Friday, July 26:

Cardin Amendment No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 107-615 that preserves the Customs Service as a distinct entity within the Department of Homeland Security; and

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Rogers of Kentucky Amendment No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 107-615 that gives permissive authority to the Secretary to establish and operate a permanent Joint Interagency Homeland Security Task Force.

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Agreed to H. Res. 502, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by voice vote. Earlier, agreed to consider the resolution by unanimous consent.

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Remarks:

Treasury And General Government Appropriations Act (*ATF's Trace and Multiple Sale Database for gun buyers discussed*).

Schakowsky

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Introduction Of Constitutional Amendment To Protect The Pledge Of Allegiance And The National Motto. (H.J. Res. 108)

"... This is the latest in a rash of stunning decisions that have come from our federal courts. It is an unfortunate assault on America's tradition of recognizing the role of God in our country's life and as the foundation of our liberties..."

Pickering

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Recognizing The United States Capitol Police.

Reyes

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Introduction Of The P2P Piracy Prevention Act. (H.R. 5211)

"... I rise today to introduce the P2P Piracy Prevention Act--legislation that will help stop peer-to-peer piracy. [] I believe legislation is necessary to promote the usefulness of at least one such component. Specifically, enactment of the legislation I introduce today is necessary to enable responsible usage of technological self-help measures to stop copyright infringements on P2P networks..."

Berman

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Introduction Of H.R. 5215, The "Confidential Information Protection And Statistical Efficiency Act Of 2002."

Horn

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Next SENATE MEETING: Friday, 9:55 a.m., July 26, 2002.

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